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Testimony of
David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

March 27, 2018
11:00 a.m., Room 211

In consideration of
Governor's Message 590

Submitted for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Budget and Finance, Gubernatorial nominee, Ken Kitamura

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Ken Kitamura as the deputy director of the Department of Budget and Finance. Kitamura will support Finance Director Laurel Johnston in assuring compliance with the director's primary roles and responsibilities as manager of the state's financial resources.

Kitamura will oversee the day-to-day management of the department operations. Prior to being with the Department of Human Services as the business management officer, Kitamura was the administrative services officer and business manager at the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. In addition, Kitamura served as the business services officer for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and was associate auditor, program budget analyst, budget supervisor, special projects manager and legislative aide at the Hawai'i State Legislature.

This administration is committed to transforming the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I'm confident that Ken Kitamura will support our employees in the Department of Budget and Finance in this effort. Together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration.



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TESTIMONY BY
LAUREL A. JOHNSTON
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. GM 590

March 27, 2018
11:00 a.m.
Room 211

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, KEN KITAMURA

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and
Means

Please accept my testimony in **SUPPORT** of Mr. Ken N. Kitamura for Deputy
Director of Finance with the Department of Budget and Finance (BUF). I have known
Mr. Kitamura since our work together with the Office of the Auditor, more than two
decades ago. Mr. Kitamura is someone that I have respected as analytical, solution-
oriented, and a sincere and thoughtful person who wants to ensure that state government
programs serve Hawai'i's people. Over the years when we have crossed paths, we would
discuss the current challenges in state government, and his commitment to improving
state government operations has been a constant in our conversations.

Mr. Kitamura has a record of public service with the State of Hawai'i, having
recently been appointed as Administrative Services Officer and Business Manager with
the Department of Human Services and the Department of Business, Economic

Development and Tourism. He has also served elected officials as Business Manager for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and Budget Supervisor with the Hawai'i Senate Ways and Means Committee, in addition to his position of the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

I believe that the Department and the State are fortunate that Mr. Kitamura has agreed to step into the Deputy Director position, and we look forward to his contributions to our Department and Hawai'i state government operations.

Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony and I respectfully request your support of Mr. Kitamura's nomination.

March 23, 2018

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

SUBJECT: Governor's Message Number 590
Gubernatorial Nominee Ken Kitamura as the Deputy Director of the Department
of Budget and Finance

DATE: Tuesday, March 27, 2018
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of gubernatorial nominee Ken Kitamura to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance. I have known Mr. Kitamura for a number of years in his various capacities with the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and the Department of Human Services. Mr. Kitamura has always demonstrated the utmost professionalism and knowledge in my interaction with him.

Mr. Kitamura's extensive experience in State government and his in-depth knowledge of the organizational and operational requirements needed to effectively oversee the Department of Budget and Finance makes him an ideal selection to serve as the Deputy Director for this Department.

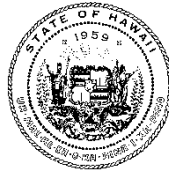
For the reasons cited above, I respectfully request your favorable consideration of Mr. Kitamura's confirmation as Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Kami', is written over a horizontal line.

Scott Kami
Administrator, Financial Administration Division
Department of Budget and Finance

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
RODERICK K. BECKER, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018
11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211

G.M. 590

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, KEN KITAMURA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-03-2018.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee, thank you
for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 590. I support the nomination of Mr. Ken
Kitamura as the Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance.

Mr. Kitamura has been with the Department of Human Services (DHS) as the Business
Management Officer since 2014. Previously, he served as the Administrative Services Officer
and Business Manager for the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
from 2001 to 2013.

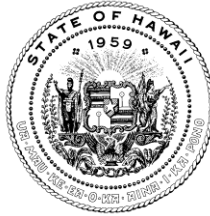
Mr. Kitamura's extensive tenure in State government includes serving as the Business
Services Officer for the Lieutenant Governor's Office, Associate Auditor, Program Budget
Analyst, Budget Supervisor, Special Projects Manager, and Legislative Aide for the Hawaii State

Senate. He received a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and a Bachelor of Arts from Chaminade University of Honolulu.

Mr. Kitamura's exceptional professional background and extensive knowledge of budget and fiscal administration will be valuable assets in his role as deputy director.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony of this measure.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF
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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 590
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
KEN KITAMURA
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-03-2018**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 590 nominating Ken N. Kitamura to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) to expire on December 3, 2018.

Mr. Kitamura is a graduate of Chaminade University with a Bachelor of Arts in Government and a Master's in Public Administration. Mr. Kitamura has over 20 years in state government, beginning with the Department of Business and Economic Development as a Program Budget Analyst, followed by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor as its Business Services Officer, then as Business Manager and Administrative Services Officer with the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, and most recently, Business Management Officer with the Department of Human Services. He has also worked at the State Legislature and the City Council.

Mr. Kitamura has extensive knowledge and experience in fiscal analysis and management, which bodes well for the position of Deputy Director of B&F. The Department is confident that his high level of skill and expertise will be to the utmost benefit of this Administration.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's strong support of Ken Kitamura serving as the Deputy Director of B&F.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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Statement of
Mary Alice Evans
Deputy Director
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of
GM 590
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Deputy Director of the
Department of Budget and Finance, Gubernatorial Nominee,
KEN KITAMURA, for a term to expire at noon on 12-03-2018.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee.

I respectfully urge your **strong support** for the confirmation of **Ken Kitamura** to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance.

I worked with Ken Kitamura when he was serving as DBEDT's Administrative Services Officer. Ken has an extensive background in managing departmental operations, overseeing budgeting and accounting functions, and auditing programs for effective use of resources. He understands the State Procurement Code and the contracting process.

Ken understands the Legislature's role in setting policy and appropriating funding for the Executive Branch of state government from his years of working for the Legislature.

Ken embodies the principle of integrity in public service and expects that from all public employees.

I respectfully urge you to recommend advice and consent to the nomination of Ken Kitamura for the Deputy Director of Department of Budget and Finance.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

DAVID Y. IGE
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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**MARCH 27, 2018
11:00 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM 211**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 590
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, KEN KITAMURA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-03-2018**

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 590. This measure seeks to confirm Ken Kitamura as the Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance. The Department of Agriculture strongly supports this measure.

Mr. Kitamura has been a long time public servant for the State of Hawaii working for various department in many important roles, including work with the Departments of Human Services, Business, Economic Development and Tourism, and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. His experience provides a critical, in-depth understanding of local State government. The knowledge that Mr. Kitamura has gained as a result of his career is something that the State of Hawaii will benefit from in his role as the Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 590
NOMINATION OF KEN KITAMURA AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

by
Nolan P. Espinda, Director
Department of Public Safety

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 27, 2018; 11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** the nomination of Ken Kitamura as Deputy Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Budget and Finance.

Mr. Kitamura's long and able service in several Executive Departments, including the Department of Budget and Finance, as well as, various State and County legislative offices and the Office of the State Auditor, make him an ideal candidate to serve as Deputy Finance Director.

The Department respectfully urges the Senate advise and consent on the nomination of Ken Kitamura as Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.